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### Service of Lake Newspapers.

Few people realize the importance of service rendered to shipping interests by newspapers of the principal cities of the lakes. This service has grown with the commerce of the lakes, and it is no small item of cost with the newspaper managers. It has been systematized to a degree fully equal to advances made in other matters pertaining to lake commerce. Only a few years ago the reports of vessel movements in daily newspapers were confined to the passages at Detroit. Gradually Port Huron, Mackinaw and other places were added and then the arrivals and departures at various ports were taken up, until there is now one central bureau of marine information, the Lake Marine News Association of Chicago, serv-

of newspaper work, enabled Homer J. Carr of Chicago, the central figure in the group, to establish the association referred to above. He is its manager and is ably assisted by Fred D. Curtiss, whose newspaper training was also secured in Chicago. Mr. Carr developed a reputation for the Chicago Tribune in Marine matters some years before undertaking the establishment of the lake news bureau, but he is probably no better known to marine men than John Chamberlin of Buffalo or Louis Bleyer of Milwaukee. Mr. Bleyer belongs to a family that is well known in Milwaukee newspaper circles. His marine column has been a feature of the Evening Wisconsin of that city for years. He has the advantage of a practical knowledge of the vessel business, which he secured when an owner of vessel property some years ago. John Chamberlin has been connected



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Marine Representatives of Lake Newspapers.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ing nearly all of the newspapers of the lakes on a mutual basis. This association, maintaining correspondents in all parts of the lakes, conducts a telegraph business involving thousands of dollars each year, all of it borne by the newspapers for the lakes interests.

But aside from the regular run of vessel movements, accidents, etc., collected by this news agency, the leading daily papers of Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland and other places employ men who are in many instances specially suited to preparing and discussing a great variety of information that is of value to vessel owners. A group of these newspaper representatives is presented in the accompanying illustration. Some of them have spent a great number of years at this work, and are well known to vessel owners, not only in their own homes, but in all parts of the lakes. There are other bright young men on lake newspapers whose efforts would entitle them to a place in this group, but the illustration as the Review had at hand. Business tact, combined with a full knowledge

with Buffalo newspapers for sixteen years and during all that time has kept in touch with the vessel business. He was the marine editor of the Buffalo Express for twelve years. Mr. Chamberlin is a graduate of Cornell and is capable of engaging in all kinds of editorial work on newspapers, so that his labors have extended to correspondence, largely relating to business subjects, for several of the leading papers of the country. R. D. Wagstaff of the Detroit Free Press is a Buffalonian by birth. He has been writing for newspapers during the past eight years, having been engaged on the Detroit News, Atlanta Constitution, New York Morning Advertiser and Detroit Free Press. A likeness of Mr. W. A. Livingstone of Detroit is included in the group on account of his interest in the preparation of statistics pertaining to lake commerce and the contributions he has made to literature of the lakes. George V. Callahan of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, has held the position of Marine reporter on that paper for eight years and has made a reputation for reliability, which is of most importance in news relating to business matters.

#### Abuse of the Passenger Privilege.

Editor Marine Review:-

It appears to be anomolous, but it is nevertheless strictly true that most vessel owners will hail with satisfaction the effort now being made by the United States revenue cutter officials in the "Soo" river to prevent the carrying of passengers on unlicensed freight craft. Every vessel owner is sadly conscious of the abuse of such passenger privilege, and yet as an individual owner or manager he has felt himself powerless to correct it. He was, in a sense, obliged to do what others were doing or incur the ill will of those seeking to ride on his boats. True it was a violation of law to carry them, but as the law was never enforced, there was no risk of fine. True, the freight steamers were not equipped with the facilities for safety in case of accident beyond the needs of the crew, but that made no difference

-the passenger was willing to take his chances.

Many vessel owners have much desired that a sufficient excuse could be had to enable them to decline all requests of would-be passengers. There are some whom they would always have been pleased to carry, but the enormous abuse of privilege is what staggers them and creates the desire to cut off the whole business. Relatives of the manager, and of the master and of each stockholder or joint owner, even to the forty-second cousin, feel somehow that the boat is under obligation to carry them. Persons with whom the manager of the boat is scarcely acquainted, and not under any more obligations to carry around than he would be to carry Queen Liliuokalani, very frequently apply for a trip "up the lakes." Then the shippers and consignees of the cargoes carried by the boat frequently request accommodations for their families and friends on the ground that they are justly entitled to them. The following will serve as a representative example:

-had just completed a round trip carrying up The steamercoal at 20 cents to Duluth and ore back at 50 cents. The agent of the coal company that loaded him, came to the manager of boat and said: "My son and daugther would like to go around on the next trip and they have six young friends they would like to take along-only eight in all-Shall I

send them abroad?

A shadow passed over the manager's face. His heart sank within him. He had just figured up the last trip and found he was in debt \$32.28. The coming trip was to be made at the same rates of freight. He thought of the larger provision bill and of the necessary efforts of the captain and crew to entertain them, but his extra rooms had not been spoken for, and he

could only reply: "Yes, send them aboard."

The coal man was a prominent shipper and he did not want to incur his displeasure by refusing. The manager knew that an agreement to carry, involved an obligation to entertain them. The yawl boats with some of the crew to man them would often be brought into requisition on their account, while at the "Soo," as has often happened, the boat would possibly be detained waiting for its passengers. While the boat was waiting to lock and in locking through, they would go ashore and in an electric car "do up" the beautiful town of Sault Ste Marie. Or they would sit on the bank, even while the boat was losing time awaiting their return, steeped in forgetful reverie, while they listened to the soothing music of the rapids. The manager was mad all over, as he contemplated what was involved in the promise he had just made. He was in a fighting mood and it was well that no one happened to cross his path at that moment.

"Damme!" he said, "Why don't the revenue cutter fellows fine us and stop this violation of law."

A Vessel Owner.

Cleveland, Aug. 25, 1897.

#### The Glasgow School,

Editor Marine Review:-

I read your journal weekly with great pleasure, as it gives me news of American friends and their doings, which is interesting to one who has received so much kindness from Americans. Your remarks about the Glasgow School of Naval Architecture are most flattering, but I can not allow to pass unnoticed one in your number of July 29, namely, that "the Glasgow school is not of the kind that furnishes the higher order of technical training suited to our young naval constructors." With such teachers as Lord Kelvin, Professors Ferguson, Barr and Jack, there need be no reasonable limit to the amount of technical training of the higher order. My own experience as a student of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich enables me to say that if students desire "the higher order" they can get it at Glasgow. The difficulty is that American students generally prefer to spend the time at their disposal in acquiring practical technical knowledge, and seem to leave the "higher order" to a very limited number who have the genius for ready absorption and application of high science, and who appear very rarely in our school. The Royal Naval College course is one laid down for students connected with the naval service. and must be rigidly followed by all students. The Glasgow course is that of a university in which men may take what classes they choose, unless they wish to take degrees. Very few naval architecture students elect to do the work necessary for a degree, preferring to spend their time almost completely upon naval architecture or marine engineering, and to leave alone more general subjects, and those of a "higher order in technical training."

J. H. BILES.

Glasgow, Aug. 14, 1897.

#### Canada and the Lake Trade.

Although the present government in Canada seems to be making every effort to complete the system of St. Lawrence canals within the next two years, thus providing 14 feet navigation from Lake Erie through to Montreal, it is the opinion of well informed vessel men on the lakes that this improvement, when it becomes a reality, will be of no great advantage to the Dominion in increasing its proportion of the grain trade from the northwest to the Atlantic seaboard. This opinion is based on the great reduction that has been made in carrying charges on grain shipped from the northwest to the seaboard by way of Buffalo. Vessels of 6,000 tons capacity and channels already affording about 18 feet draft have combined to reduce the lake freight to such a low figure that there would be no fear

of serious competition from the St. Lawrence route if the canal system over that route, with its limit of 14 feet draft, was immediately available. But increased elevator capacity and lower elevator charges at Buffalo in the near future are assured, and it is certain also that a further reduction in transportation charges from Buffalo to the seaboard will be secured upon the completion of Erie canal improvements now under way and

which involve an expenditure of \$9,000,000.

The prediction that Canada's 14-foot canal project, so long under way. would when completed prove inadequate in competition with the Buffalo route, seems verified, therefore, in the opinion of vessel men on this side, and it is also quite evident that the present government in Canada realizes the necessity of having something more than a canal of limited dimensions if they are to secure the portion of the lake trade which they have been so long seeking. This is proven by a recent correspondence in one of the Montreal papers between Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, and President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific Railway, concerning the export trade in Canadian wheat by way of Montreal and by way of New York. The correspondence opens with a question by Minister Tarte why so much of the traffic of the Canadian northwest has gone to American ports instead of by way of the Canadian Pacific company's railway and steamship lines to the Canadian seaboard. President Van Horne, in reply, says, the reason of the traffic going by the New York route is the very simple one that for most of the time it is the cheapest by way of the lakes and canal. New York has another advantage in the low ocean rate, due to the use of very large vessels especially adapted to the carriage of freight at the lowest possible cost, no such vessels being found in the Canadian Atlantic service. Until such ocean vessels are employed to supplement the Canadian railway and canal system, and there is complete separation of the passenger and heavy freight carriage, he holds that the vast expenditure of Canada on her canals and railways will largely fail of their object.

In answer to this letter, the minister of public works has outlined a plan for remedying the disadvantage under which the Canadian system now competes with the American route. He says Montreal has not one single modern elevator, nor one cattle yard worthy of that name, while the American ports are well equipped with modern elevators capable of doing an immense business, and other facilities that make the handling of trade easy and cheap. He would at once set about equipping the harbor of Montreal so as to make it a cheap port. "The question," he says, "is not whether we will have one wharf more or less. This is really of no importance. We must apply ourselves to building permanent elevators and cattle yards, to the further deepening and widening of the channel of the St. Lawrence, to also completing our telegraphic system to the Straits of Belle Isle, so as to allow the largest vessels to come through our waters and give the Canadian people the benefit of the great expenditure they have incurred to secure the trade of the northwest and of the western states. That trade nature has destined for us, and we should not spare any effort to bring forth that result." Minister Tarte thinks that as Canada has given large subsidies to the Canadian Pacific and the Parry Sound railway companies and has built and is completing an expensive system of canals to bring to its ports the western trade, the time has come when it should reap the advantages of the enormous outlay for which the credit of the dominion has been pledged. But if the judgment of well-informed vessel men now in control of the lake trade proves correct, the scheme of great terminal facilities at Montreal here outlined by Mr. Tarte will be of no avail, as the canal system itself will give to Canada little more

of the lake trade than that country has at present.

### A Submarine Wrecker.

Another submarine vessel has been launched at the ship yard of the Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore. The inventor, Simon Lake, does not expect to revolutionize modern methods of naval warfare, but he is putting quite a large sum of money into a vessel which he intends to apply to wrecking work, including the exploration of the bottom of rivers, lakes, bays and even seas. The cigar-shaped hull of the vessel has two big iron wheels attached to it near the bow. The edges of the wheels are corrugated like those of a cog wheel. A smaller wheel of a similar character is attached to the boat at the stern. The wheels are intended to enable the vessel to run along over the bottom of rivers and other bodies of water, the propeller of the vessel supplying the necessary motive power. The boat will be so arranged that divers can pass in or out of the vessel while she is on the bottom of rivers. The boat is 36 feet long and 9 feet in diameter, built of steel and strongly ribbed to resist the water pressure. She is propelled, when on the surface, by a gasoline engine of 30 horsepower. She can also be propelled, while on the bottom, by the same engine, the air supply being obtained through a hose leading to the surface and supported by a float. She can be propelled along the bottom by an electric motor as well, taking current from a powerful storage battery. Searchlights are mounted on the bow and sides. Her speed is estimated at 8 miles an hour on the surface and about 5 miles on the bottom. She will have fuel carrying capacity for a run on the surface of about 2,000 miles.

The crew will consist of a captain, an engineer and four divers. It is claimed that one man can handle her if necessary.

#### Buffalo Elevator Capacity.

In the last issue of the Review, John Chamberlin, a Buffalo correspondent, criticized an article published a week previous, in which a grain blockade at Buffalo during the closing week of the season was predicted. The Review has made further inquiry in this regard and we are still of the opinion that before the season is at an end serious delays will be encountered by vessels taking grain to Buffalo. We are also of the opinion that Mr. Chamberlin is wrong in saying that Buffalo has had but one grain blockade. The worst in the experience of vessel men of the present day was that in the fall of 1891, but there has been more or less of a blockade at Buffalo every fall since, notwithstanding there has been a little increase in elevator capacity in the meantime. Last fall very many vessels suffered serious delay for want of elevator room. It is true that Buffalo has one new elevator in operation this season, the Export, but its capacity is only a quarter of a million bushels. There are two large steel elevators being built, but neither of them will be ready for service before November, and most likely they will not be ready for service this season.

#### Salvage Money for Assisting Disabled Vessels.

Owing to the high salvage money obtained by rendering assistance to a disabled ship at sea, many steamers and sailing vessels carry on an irregular sort of "wrecking business" by always being on the alert for stranded ships. A tramp steamer that could bring a great trans-atlantic liner into port in a disabled condition would realize more money than its owner would make in a trip across the sea with a full cargo. As an illustration of what salvage money is paid for towing steamers into port, mention can be made of a few conspicuous cases. In 1882 the City of Richmond was towed into Halifax harbor, and cost her owners \$35,000 in salvage money. In the same winter the City of Boston broke her shaft at sea, and her owners were compelled to pay a bill, for towing and other aid, of \$46,500. When the Atlantic liner Paris broke down off the Irish coast in 1890, she was towed into port at an expense of \$30,000. So rich are these prizes that the coast wrecking companies frequently send powerful tugs to sea just after a storm in search of disabled vessels. If a steamer is several days overdue, the tugs may go hundreds of miles off the coast, and in this sense the companies extend their labors into new fiields, practising wrecking upon the high seas. When the fast Atlantic liner New York made her first voyage from the port of New York, she ran aground off Sandy Hook, and the owners had to pay nearly \$100,000 to float her again. One of the Red D line steamers

#### Water Tube Boilers.

Writing of water tube boilers for war vessels in Cassier's Magazine, Past-Assistant Engineer W. M. McFarland of the United States navy says: "As a type, water tube boilers may be said to consist of a mass of tubes, forming the heating surface, and uniting one or more steam drums at the top with one or more water drums, or their equivalents, at the bottom, the water being inside the tubes. They may be divided into two main classes, those having tubes of small diameter and those with tubes of large diameter. To the former belong those boilers which have already made a name for themselves on torpedo boats and yachts and a few large ships—the Thornycroft, the Yarrow, the Normand, the Du Temple, the Ward, the Cowles, the Mosher, the Towne, and others-while the latter have been used mainly on larger ships and comprise the Belleville, the D'Allest, the Niclausse, the Babcock & Wilcox, and some others. In the former, the tubes are not over 2 inches in external diameter, while in the latter they are rarely less than 3 inches. In the former, the tubes, though occasionally straight, are generally curved or bent, but in the latter they are always straight. The tubes themselves are of so small a diameter that they can readily be made safe for any pressure. The drums are the largest parts and they are still of such moderate dimensions that they, also, can be made of ample strength. Even in the case of those boilers



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### International Congress of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

From a photograph taken at Clyde entrance to ship yard of Messrs. Denny & Co., Dumbarton, Scotland.

stuck on the Brigantine shoals off New Jersey in 1889, and the wrecking company that pulled her off received \$40,000 for their services. The more recent work of floating the American line steamer St. Paul from the sand off Long Branch recalls the difficulty of hauling one of the great transatlanite liners off a sandbar or mud-flat. Both the Chapman and Merritt wrecking companies of New York combined to float her, and the salvage money, amounting to about \$100,000 was divided among them.—George E. Walsh in Cassier's Magazine.

The Bethlehem Iron Co. of South Bethlehem, Pa., on Aug. 12, successfully cast the first 16-inch gun ever made in this country. Over 100 gross tons of metal were used. It was heated in two 40-ton and one 20-ton furnace, which were charged beyond their capacity. The casting is simply for the tube of the gun. It is octagonal in shape, 19 feet 6 inches long, and States government. The jacket for the gun, which is for the United tube. The company is making extensive improvements to its armor and ordnance plants, which will result in the cheapening of the cost of manufacture.

Lists of names of captains and engineers of lake ships, appointments of 1897, may be had from the Marine Review for \$1. Vest pocket size.

Erie elevators now have a combined capacity of 1,300,000 bushels.

which have water legs or sides consisting of flat, stayed plates, they can be made strong enough for any pressures likely to be used for many years to come. It may be said, therefore, that water tube boilers are adapted to any pressure that may be desired. It is well understood that the cause of the great disaster when an ordinary boiler explodes is the large amount of contained water at a high temperature, and, as already pointed out, even when the boiler itself is not injured, but a pipe is ruptured, the large mass of water continues to give off steam for a long time. In the water tube boiler, there is much less danger of rupture, but, if it does unhappily occur, there is so much less water that the only damage will probably be the scalding of the people in the immediate vicinity. In all probability the boiler itself will not be injured beyond the weak part which gave way, and can be repaired."

The Marine Review has prepared in neat oak frames cards containing the schedule of time required to be run between certain points in the St. Mary's river under the speed limit of seven miles an hour. When hung in a pilot house, distance and time may be readily noted from these cards, as the type is large. They will be sent by express to any address at \$1 each, or may be had upon application at 409 Perry-Payne building, Cleveland, for 65 cents each.

The Review has excellent photographs of lake ships.

#### Death of George C. Finney.

Announcement of the death of George C. Finney of Chicago, who was taken off suddenly by apoplexy last Thursday afternoon, was a surprise to vessel men. He had been visiting his farm near Ross, Indiana, and was in a carriage on the way back to the station to take the train for home when stricken. He died in a short time. Up to the time of his death he was around attending to business, apparently hale and hearty. The funeral took place from his late residence, No. 631 Cleveland avenue, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. An unusually large number of old-time marine men were present to pay the last token of respect to their old friend and business associate. There were men present who had been prominent in developing the lake marine from its once insignificant proportions to its present size. The pall-bearers were Calvin Carr, J. S. Dunham, James Mowatt, John Cairns, William G. Keith and John G. Murphy. The interment was at Graceland. Mr. Finney left a widow and two sons, Harry Perkins and George Minot. The elder son, Harry, was the junior partner in the firm of George C. Finney & Co., while George recently finished an engineering course.

Coming from that group of men that developed a great vessel business on Lake Ontario, Mr. Finney first located at Oswego, N. Y. He was born in Henderson, Jefferson County, N. Y. in 1829, which made his age at the time of his death sixty-eight years. He was raised on a farm, but went to Oswego and started in ship chandlery under the name of Finney & Lyons. This was in 1855. In 1863 Mr. Finney moved to Chicago and opened a store on South Water street. Since that time the firm name has been changed from Finney & Channon, and Finney Bros., to the present title, George C. Finney & Co. In 1865 he was married to Sarah Perkins, of Oswego. Six children were born to them, but two only are alive now. Apart from his ship chandlery business, Mr. Finney has always been a vessel owner, and prominently indentified with all the interests of the marine business. It is said that his sole aim was to live an honorable life. If such was the case, he died with his life's work accomplished. Not only in business dealings was this true, but in private life he was an upright man. Old acquaintances feelingly speak of him as the poor man's friend, and relate many kind acts which he did, prompted only by a generous spirit. And more frequently in aiding his fellows who were unfortunate, he heeded the injunction: "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth."

At a meeting on Saturday afternoon in the Arbitration room of the Chicago Board of Trade, called to take action on the death of Mr. Finney, Capt. W. M. Egan presided, and Capt. F. B. Higgie was secretary. The committee on resolutions, of which Capt. James L. Higgie was chairman, reported the following, which was adopted by a standing vote:

"Again marine men are called together to pay their final tribute of respect and high esteem for a departed pioneer in lake transportation and ship chandlery. The generation to which the present is indebted for the magnificent development of lake waterways is slowly passing from the field of their earnest and successful endeavor, but their works live after them. George C. Finney, whose death we so deeply deplore, and whose memory we have gathered to honor, represented in the highest degree all those elements of sterling honesty, great industry and high ability, coupled with a kindliness of heart, which make men both successful in business and beloved by their fellowmen. Thoughtful and considerate at all times of the rights of others, frank and open in his character, time but ripened the friendship of his associates, years but added another bond, and when the time came when nature exacted the penalty of her law of a return to dust, these friends and associates have only loving remembrances of the comrade of a lifetime. In token of the painful regret, we, the oldtime associates of Mr. Finney, feel at his sudden demise, be it

"Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt condolence in their grief, and express our share in their affliction and that so far as possible the marine men of Chicago here represented attend the

final services to the dead."

#### Lake Freight Matters.

It is quite evident from strength developed in lake freights generally during the past few days that a settlement of the strike of coal miners in Ohio and Pennsylvania would result in an immediate advance in rates and a strong market until the close of the season. But in the absence of coal shipments the market is slow of advancement, and the ore dealers, who have been making some new sales from day to day, have managed to cover them by lake freight contracts that do not represent much of an increase over the prevailing low rates. It is now more than probable that the coal shippers will be unable to move sufficient coal to meet the requirements of the northwest, but there seems to be assurance of enough grain to cause a gradual increase in freights from this time on. The general improvement in business has caused some figuring for new vessels, but negotiations as yet are only of a preliminary kind. Building will probably be confined almost entirely to steel barges.

#### Fines for Carrying Passengers.

The announcement from the Sault that revenue cutter officials on the river were preparing to take special measures for enforcing the law against passengers on freight vessels was not attended by regrets from vessel owners. Notwithstanding the low freights of the present season, the abuse of passenger privileges has been carried to an extreme unheard of in previous years, and the vessel owners, who have been powerless in their efforts to curb this evil, on account of circumstances that surround requests made upon them, would be pleased to hear of some of the vessels being fined. Managers of the regular passenger lines, whose business is injured on account of the general practice of carrying passengers on the freight steamers, are understood to have instituted the complaint that has resulted in the government officials taking up this matter on the St. Mary's river.

The largest furnace firms in the Pittsburg district were among late buyers of iron ore, a fact which, taken in connection with others, is an indication that the furnace practice of 1897 has tended rather to a smaller than a larger percentage of Mesabi ores than in 1896. The percentage now generally employed does not go much if any above 40 per cent.—Iron Trade Review.

#### Welland Canal Rules.

Prompted by recent accidents in the Welland canal, the insurance interests represented by Geo. L. McCurdy have taken measures to inform vessel masters of the regulations governing the navigation of the canal. In a letter to the Review, Mr. McCurdy says: "I find on investigation that many of the vessels using the Welland canal are without copies of the rules of the Canadian government governing navigation in Canadian canals, and after considering the matter with Captain F. D. Herriman, surveyor-general of Great Lakes Register, we have determined to furnish to every steamer running through the Welland canal a copy of sections 5, 22 and 25 of the canal rules. These three sections are to be printed on stout cardboard and the masters are requested to hang them up in the pilot-house of the steamer in a conspicuous place."

In the printed cardboard sheets Capt. Herriman says: "The following extracts from the Canadian rules governing navigation through the canals are printed at the expense of Great Lakes Register. I would respectfully suggest that these important rules be given a conspicuous place in the pilot-house or office of your steamer." The sections of rules referred to

are as follows:

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of all masters or persons in charge of any steamboat or other vessel, or of any raft, on approaching any lock or bridge to ascertain for themselves, by careful observation, whether the lock or bridge is prepared and ready to receive them, or allow them to pass through, and to be careful to stop the speed of any such steamboat or other vessel or raft with lines, and not with the engine wheel, in sufficient time to avoid a collision with the lock or its gates, or the bridges or other works of the canal and harbors, and should such collision take place, the owner, owners or masters of such steamboat, other vessel or raft, shall be subject to such fine as the superintending engineer may impose, not exceeding \$80, and shall also be held liable for any damage to the lock, bridges or other works of the canal that may ensue from such collision, such damage to be estimated by the superintending engineer of the canal, and at once paid over to the collector, paymaster or person appointed to receive it.

Sec. 22. No vessel or boat shall be permitted to pass through any canal at a greater speed than the superintending engineer may determine, which, as a general rule, may be taken as 4 miles an hour, under a penalty, for every such offense, of not less than \$20, and subject, further, to be detained at the last lock until the time limited for passing such canal

shall have expired.

Sec. 25. Every vessel, boat and raft as aforesaid, shall be conducted into, through and out of every lock in a careful manner, so as to do no injury to such lock; and for every neglect of this regulation the owner or master shall pay a fine not exceeding \$20, in addition to the cost of repairing any injury that may be done to the lock or its gates, or other works of the canals.

#### Blue Book of American Shipping on the Coast.

The popularity of the 1897 Blue Book on the coast is quite complimentary to the publications. In past years considerable advertising was secured from the coast, and Eastern manufacturing concerns subscribed for the book for the names and addresses of ship builders, owners, masters and engineers. But this year it is having a very satisfactory sale among coast vessel owners, ship builders, and ship brokers, on account of the information of value to them which it contains.

Alfred Winsor & Son, prominent ship owners and brokers of Boston, Mass. write as follows: "We will take one of your Blue Books, and we are only too glad to be able to help you out in this matter, and trust all the ship brokers and owners will contribute their share to this matter. It is

something we cannot afford to let die out."

The coast information department of the book will not die out, for in one mail, recently, there were orders from a vessel owner in Huntsport, N. S., a large ship building concern in Bath, Me., and one from a ship broker in Brunswick, Ga. Orders have come from fifteen members of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York. Three large New Orleans steamship lines have ordered copies recently, and three orders from the Pacific coast included the owner of a fleet of twenty large coasting steamers, ship builder and an engine builder. An idea of its general coast and river circulation of the book may be had from the following list of places from which orders have been received during the past few weeks: Sag Harbor, N. Y., Mobile, Ala., Handsboro, Miss., Seattle, Wash., Hawesville, Ky., Providence, R. I., Norfolk, Va., Stockton, Cal., Brooklyn, N. Y., Pittsburg, Pa., Hamilton, O., Louisville, Ky., Wilmington, D., Louisville, Wilmington, D. Del., Washington, D. C., New London, Conn., Madison, Ind., Bangor, Me., Long Island City, N. Y., Gloucester, Mass., Bath, Me., Brunswick, Ga., Handsport, N. S., Waterbury, Conn., Reading, Pa., Cincinnati, O., East Boston, Mass., Newport News, Va., Baltimore, Md., So. Bethlehem, Pa., Cairo, Ill., Philadelphia, Pa., Highland Park, Conn., Holyoke, Mass., Hoboken, N. J., Rondout, N. Y., Perth Amboy, N. J., Tompkins Cave, N. Y., Stamford, Conn., Springfield, Mass.

The Blue Book is also on file at the headquarters of every harbor of the American Association of Masters and Pilots. D. T. Mertvago, Russian naval attache at Washington, ordered two copies, one for his own use and one to be forwarded to headquarters of the Imperial navy.

On the big freight steamers of the lakes there is a demand for an inexpensive telephone system that will enable the captain on the bridge to communicate with the after end of the ship when making a dock or when in close quarters at any time. Such a telephone system could, of course, be used also for communication with the engine room, captain's quarters, etc. The Smith Portable Telephone Co. of No. 132 La Salle street, Chicago, is now exhibiting in Cleveland a system of telephones which can be applied to five parts of a ship at a cost of less than \$100. The outfit seems to be more reliable than anything as yet tried on the lakes.

Ship chandlers, vessel managers or purchasing agents who do not receive the 1897 block catalogue from the Boston & Lockport Co. should address them at No. 142 Commercial street, Boston, for a copy. It is complete, and all arrangements of blocks are shown. It is said to be the most complete catalogue of its kind in print.

#### To Prevent Collision at the Encampment.

Geo. L. McCurdy of Chicago, representing the underwriters who are interested in the so-called McCurdy-Prime syndicate, and in the publication of the Great Lakes Register, has made a straight proposition to the Lake Carriers' Association to maintain a signal service at the Encampment in the Sault river, where there is danger of collision on account of a sharp turn in the channel. Mr. McCurdy submits the matter to the vessel owners in a communication to Capt. Geo. P. McKay, treasurer of the Lake Car-

rier's Association, in which he says:

"Capt. F. D. Herriman, surveyor-general of Great Lakes Register, has just made a thorough inspection of the Sault river. He calls my attention particularly to the dangers to navigation at Johnson's point, Sailors' Encampment. I may say that I have had several communications from the masters of ships trading to the upper lakes, who have noted with concern the danger of collision at this point. It is at times impossible for a boat bound up to hear a down bound boat's whistle, and the point seems to be one specially marked as needing some safe-guard to be placed thereon in the interest of the lake marine. Capt. Herriman says that the suggestion that the trees on the point be cut down, would be of little value on account of the rise of the land from the end of the point, but he says that it is absolutely necessary that something be done, and that the suggestion of Capt. J. F. Vaughan of the steamer Northern Queen and Capt. C. G. Ennes of the steamer Sir William Fairbairn, that a flag be shown in the day time and a light at night, is a valuable one and should be adopted. I am authorized in the interests of Great Lakes Register to make the proposition to you, as a representative of the Lake Carriers' Association, for your consideration, and I trust approval, that the Great Lakes Register, at its own expense, will maintain such signals at this point for the balance of the season, and is ready to take steps to install them as soon as the approval of yourself and the government is secured. An endorsement from you to this effect will be met with our immediate action. The suggestion made is, that a white flag indicates to the up bound vessels the approach of a down bound steamer; underneath this is to be shown a red and white pennant should the down bound steamer have a tow. At night these signals are to be replaced by a red light for a steamer down bound, and a red light with a white light underneath for a steamer accompanied by a tow. I trust you will give this matter early consideration, and reply."

On account of the general disposition among government officials to oppose private lights, private signals, or the marking of channels in any way other than through the light-house service or regularly authorized departments of the government, Capt. McKay has deemed it advisable to first submit this proposition to Commander Folger of the light-house service, who is in charge of the Sault river district, and to Capt. Davis of the revenue cutter patrol service, who is expected to exercise authority over the passage of vessels at the point referred to. The action of Mr. McCurdy and his associates is commendable, and the proposition will be acted upon as hurriedly as possible, but it is thought best to first have a clear under-

standing with the government officials.

#### The So-called "Tidal Waves" of the Lakes.

Scientists in attendance at the meetings of the British association in Canada have been giving attention to the so-called tidal waves of the lakes. In a paper on "The Great Lakes as a Sensitive Barometer," presented by Mr. F. Napier Denison of the Toronto university, an attempt is made to explain the causes of these "water spouts," or "seiche," as they are scientifically termed. Mr. Denison's observations were taken in the shallower part of Lake Ontario, fronting Toronto, under conditions strongly resembling those at the Lake Erie ports where the "tidal waves" have been most noticed. The records show that the longitudinal and transverse "seiche" movements are very marked preceding and during storms primarily due to differences of atmospheric pressure over the extremities of the lake, but greatly augmented when the gale strikes the water surface. The mean time interval of longitudinal "seiche" is four hours and fortynine minutes; the transverse, forty-five minutes. There is a marked agreement between the time intervals of the smaller lake undulations and those found upon the corresponding sensitive barograph traces, both showing

a predominance of twenty-minute intervals.

Mr. Denison explains the smaller lake undulations as due to atmospheric waves, which are set up along the boundary surfaces of different air strata when traveling in opposite directions. The action of these atmospheric waves upon the surface of the water tends to form minute undulations, which increase in amplitude as they move into bays, where the water becomes shallower, until finally they assume the proportions as recorded upon the instrument. It was found that marked rapid and large undulations often occur during the autumn and winter months upon both instruments, when the barometer is actually rising and fine weather prevails over all the surrounding territory. The explanation is that at such times an area of low pressure, a cyclone, is situated over the south or southwestern states, which usually moves over or near to the lake region. In such cases the recorded atmospheric waves are due to the lower, denser air of the anti-cyclone moving towards the southwestern cyclone, along whose upper boundary surface huge waves, extending to the earth, are set up by the rapidly opposing upper poleward current. The mean velocity of this upper current in summer is 60 miles per hour, and in winter 110 miles per hour. On the other hand, during the approach of an anticyclone, attended by fine weather and westerly winds, these lake undulations become extremely small, because the lower air moves in approximately the same direction as the upper poleward current. In illustration of the direct action of these air waves upon the surface of the lake, Mr. Denison notes that on March 8 last, during the passage of several successive huge atmospheric "billows," the water rose 81/2 inches in ten minutes, then fell 101/2 inches in fifteen minutes, followed by the phenomenal rise of 111/2 inches in fifteen minutes. The information obtained from fishermen on Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron shows that a twenty-minute interval has been frequently observed between the two or more so-called "tidal waves" that follow each other.

George H. Worthington of Cleveland, who owns a controlling interest in the schooner yacht Priscilla (cup defender), which was brought to the lakes from the coast some time ago, has authorized a New York representative to dispose of her if a purchaser can be found at a reasonable figure.

#### Programme of New Aids to Navigation.

Executive officers of the Lake Carriers' Association are prepared to present to the light-house board, in time for action by that body before the next session of congress, their suggestions regarding new aids to navigation on the lakes. Fortunately, the appropriations to be sought for the lakes this year will not be heavy, as no expensive light structures are proposed. The vessel owners will be satisfied with a liberal appropriation for gas buoys, which have proven so successful in lighting lake channels. In accordance with numerous letters from committees of the Ship Masters' Association and from other sources, suggesting locations in all parts of the lakes where gas buoys will prove of assistance to navigation, Capt. George P. McKay of Cleveland has canvassed the whole subject carefully and has just forwarded to the light-house board a list of these localities, graded as of "first importance," "necessary" and "desirable." Gas buoys for some of these places, where they are most urgently needed at Starve island reef, Lake Erie, for instance—will be established before the close of the present season, but for the great bulk of the list new appropriations must be secured at the next session of congress. The list as finally forwarded to the Washington authorities is as follows:

Of first importance—Starve island reef, Lake Erie; Gull island reef, abreast of Middle island (Canadian), Lake Erie; North point, Thunder bay, Lake Huron; Middle island, Lake Huron (a light-house at this point would be preferable); St. Martin's reef, Lake Huron (a light-ship with fog signal at this point would be preferable); Five-Foot shoal, Detour passage, Sault river; Pt. au Chenes, turning point at lower end of Mud lake, Sault river; off Mission point, below Pt. Iroquois, upper Sault river; off Round island point, upper Sault river; Graham shoals, Straits of Mackinaw; Waugoshance 16-foot shoal, Straits of Mackinaw; Racine reef, Lake Michigan; off N. E. point of Squaw island, Lake Michigan; Nine-Foot shoal

at "Death's Door," Lake Michigan.

Necessary—Off Charity island, Saginaw bay; Gravely point, Saginaw bay; Major shoals, Straits of Mackinaw; South Fox island, inside shoal, Lake Michigan; Boulder reef, south of Gull island, Lake Michigan; Whaleback shoal, Green bay; Peshtego shoal, Green bay; entrance to South Chicago; Grand island, east and west entrances, Lake Superior; new shoal between Kelley's island and South Bass island, Lake Erie; Rose's reef, W. by S. of Buffalo harbor; Horse-Shoe reef, Niagara river; Strawberry channel, Niagara river; head of Russel's island, St. Clair river; Cheyboygan shoal, Straits of Mackinaw; Rose's shoal, near Wauguchance, Straits of Mackinaw; Vienna shoal, Straits of Mackinaw; Outer shoals, "Death's Door," Lake Michigan; Calloo island shoal, Lake Ontario.

Desirable—Niagara river, about W. by N. ½ N. from Green island, Lake Erie; north of Garden island, Lake Michigan; Nine-Foot shoal, Rock island passage, Green bay; Richards shoal, W. by S. from head of Beaver island, Lake Michigan; southwest end of Madaline island, Lake Superior; Port Austin reef, Lake Huron; newly discovered shoal about ½ miles southwest from Gray's reef light-ship; Hog island reef, Straits of Mackinaw; outer end of Hyde Park, Lake Michigan; South park shoal, off Chicago; Drisco shoal, Green bay; South Charity shoal, lower end of Lake Ontario; Seneca shoal, near Buffalo, Lake Erie; Sturgeon point, Lake Erie; east bank of St. Clair flats channel, Lake St. Clair; Pt. au Barques reef, Lake Huron; Ottawa point, Lake Huron; Reynold's reef, near Spectacle, Lake Huron; southeast end of Mackinaw island, Lake Huron; Wiggin's point, Lake Michigan; South point, Milwaukee; Flat Rock, Escanaba.

There are also a few places in Canadian waters where gas buoys would be of great advantage, but it is not expected that the United States authorities can do anything towards lighting these places. The Canadian points are: Waverly shoal, near Buffalo; shoal off North Harbor island, Lake Erie; Grecian shoal, off Little's point, Lake Erie; Grubb's reef, near Pt. au Pelee, Lake Erie; Point Abino, Lake Erie; lower end of Stag island, St. Clair river; upper and lower end of Woodtick island, St. Clair river.

With a view to assisting vessels trading to Lake Ontario it is proposed, in addition to the gas buoys for that lake referred to above, to seek an appropriation from congress for a fog signal at Thirty-Mile point, and probably for a fog signal also at the town of Niagara.

#### Discriminating Duties.

The question of discriminating duties involved in section 22 of the new tariff act is attracting attention from commercial bodies in different parts of the country, and the decision of the attorney general is awaited with considerable interest. This section of the new law provides that a discriminating duty of 10 per cent. ad valorem, in addition to the duties imposed by law, shall be levied on all goods, wares and merchandise which shall be imported in vessels not of the United States, or which, being the production or manufacture of any foreign country not contiguous to the United States, shall come into the United States from such contiguous country; but that this discriminating duty shall not apply to goods, wares or merchandise which shall be imported in vessels not of the United States entitled at the time of such importation by treaty or convention to be entered in the ports of the United States on payment of the same duties as shall then be payable on goods, wares and merchandise imported in vessels of the United States, nor to such foreign products or manufactures as shall be imported from such contiguous countries in the usual course of strictly retail trade. The specific question which has led to the necessity of construing this provision arose out of the circumstance that a large invoice of teas and other goods from Japan had been received at the port of Chicago over a Canadian railway. The collector of the port asked the secretary of the treasury whether the 10 per cent. discriminating duty provided for in the section referred to applied to those goods. The subject was at once referred to the attorney general, who has heard counsel representing important interests upon the question of the proper interpretation of the section. An opinion in the matter will not be long delayed.

Luce's "Seamanship" is a book that is specially suited to assist young officers of the naval reserve. It is being used by naval reserve organizations all over the country. It is a standard work, selling at \$10, and will be mailed to any address at that figure by the Marine Review, 409 Perry-Payne building, Cleveland.



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The books of the United States treasury department on June 30, 1896, contained the names of 3,333 vessels, of 1,324,067.58 gross tons register in the lake trade. The number of steam vessels of 1,000 gross tons, and over that amount, on the lakes on June 30, 1896, was 383 and their aggregate gross tonnage 711,034.28; the number of vessels of this class owned in all other parts of the country on the same date was 315 and their tonnage 685,204.55, so that more than half of the best steamships in all the United States are owned on the lakes. The classification of the entire lake fleet on June 30, 1896, was as follows:

Sai	eam vesselslling vessels and bargesnal boats	Number. 1,792 1,125 416	Tonnage. 924,630.51 354,327.60 45,109.47
	Total	3,333	1,324,067.58
The	e gross registered tonnage of the vessels buil s, according to the reports of the United States	t on the lakes	s during the past of navigation, is

as follows:
Year ending June 30, 1891 204 111,856 45
1892 169 45,968.98
175 99,271.24
1894 106 41,984.61
1895 93 36,352.70
1896 117 108,782.38

Total 864 444.216.36

ST. MARY'S FALLS AND SUEZ CANAL TRAFFIC. (From Official Reports of Canal Officers.)

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	1896*	1895*	1894	1896	1895	1894
Number of vessel passages Tonnage, net registered Days of navigation	18,615 17,219,418 232		14,491 13,110,366 234	3,409 8,560,284 365	3,434 8,448,383 365	3,352 8,039,175 365

\*1895 and 1896 figures include traffic of Canadian canal at Sault Ste. Marie.

The new heads of the navy, Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt are said to be at work on a radical plan for harmonizing the long existing differences between the line and staff corps. A lengthy editorial in the Army and Navy Journal would indicate that the scheme embodies some excellent ideas. It contemplates nothing less than the ultimate dissolution of the engineer corps as it exists today, and the education of officers in the future in such a way as to enable them to perform equally well the duties of a navigator and those of an engineer. All officers on board ship with the exception perhaps of surgeons and paymasters will be given positive rank and with this bone of contention buried the advocates of the scheme believe that it will be adopted by congress. Prof. Ira N. Hollis is credited with having suggested to the secretary the ideas that formed the basis of the scheme. From information available, it appears that the existing conditions will not be changed. The officers at present in the engineer corps, with the possible exception of those who have just entered that branch of the service, will remain as engineers. The same is true of those who are now line officers. But it is proposed to change the course of study at the naval academy so as to give every cadet a thorough and practical knowledge of steam engineering, a knowledge which will be equal to that which is now imparted to the engineer cadets. There will be no line or engineering branch. Upon graduation the men will be assigned to duty as ensigns. They may be available for duty as deck officers or they may be assigned below at the engines. There is to be a corps of chief engineers, the members of which are to enjoy positive rank. It is said that the proposition is favored by Commodore Melville, as well as other leading members of the engineer corps, and also by the younger line officers, but the older line officers are thought to be opposed

Engineer-in-Chief J. M. Wilson of the war department has issued a circular giving instructions to the officers of the corps regarding the employment of men on public works under the civil service regulations. Provision is made for the selection of temporary employés for positions where there are no eligibles or in case persons on the eligible list do not possess the requisite qualifications. Civil service local boards have been established in each engineer district. One of the largest classes of employés who require peculiar qualifications for the work are junior engineers, which grade includes inspectors, sub-inspectors, overseers, sub-overseers, surveyors, hydrographers, topographers, transitories, levelmen, sextant observers, computers, rodmen and recorders. Employés occupying any of the junior engineer positions in the classified service, for which educational tests are required, are eligible for assignment to clerical grades without examination, subject to the approval of the chief of engineers.

Investigation by the London Ironmonger into the recent purchase of American steel rails for the East Indian railway shows that English rails were offered at an average price of \$27.50 a ton, while the American bid was \$23.50. The Bengal & Nagpur Railroad Co. has placed an order with an American firm for 2,000 tons of rails at \$23. The English bid for these was \$27.25. The high price asked by the English firms is peculiar when it is considered that the London price of steel rails in July last, as given by the Economist, was \$21.78. To be sure, the price bid for the Indian rails included cost of transportation to Calcutta, but that should be less from

London than from any American port. There seems to be ground for suspicion that the English firms were bidding on the supposition that the contract must come to them anyway for patriotic reasons, and they wanted their patriotism well rewarded.—Exchange.

Few people comprehend the multifarious operations of the United States treasury. We credit it with the supervision of the mints, and the printing and engraving of paper money, stamps and bonds, but, perhaps, do not realize that it has under its control a fleet of ninety-seven vessels, or nearly as many as are in the commission of the United States navy. These are employed not only in collecting the customs, but in patrolling the coast, furnishing supplies to light-houses and light-ships, rescuing vessels in distress, enforcing the revenue and navigation laws, as well as being engaged in the coast and geodetic survey and in the service of the marine hospitals. Mr. Charles H. Hamlin, ex-secretary of the treasury, refers to these, as well as many other duties that fall within the scope of the department, in an article which he contributed to a recent number of Harper's Round Table.

Mr. Charles H. Cramp says that officials of the navy department are certainly in earnest regarding the general project for the construction of dry docks, which they propose to submit to congress at its next session. Humiliation attending the docking of the Indiana at Halifax has stirred up the whole country. Mr. Cramp is of the opinion that the next dock should be built at the League Island navy yard. He says that there are now built and building nine or ten naval vessels that can not well be docked in any existing dry dock in this country, though some of them might use the new dock at the New York Navy yard, if the latter, which partially collapsed lately, were in condition to be used.

In England as in this country the closing years of the century are distinguished by propositions that involve several gigantic engineering schemes. One of these is the project for connecting Scotland and Ireland by a tunnel. The passageway would extend from a point in Scotland just north of Point Patrick to a point on the Irish coast just west of Carrickfergus and several miles north of Belfast lake, which is an arm of the Irish sea. It would be lighted by electricity and would cost \$35,000,000. The plan is reported to have received the endorsement of engineers, and "syndicates" and "government influence" are freely mentioned in connection with the promotion of the enterprise.

The lightest known solid is said to be the pith of the sunflower, with a specific gravity of .028, or about one-eighth that of cork. The sunflower is extensively cultivated in central Russia, and various uses are served by its different parts, the recent discovery of the lightness of the pith essentially increasing the commercial value of the plant. For life saving appliances at sea, cork has a buoyancy of one to five, while with the sunflower pith one to thirty-five is attained. About 800 cubic inches of it would weigh as much as 1 cubic inch of iridium, the heaviest metal.—American Machinist.

As indicating the draft of water in the Detroit river under different conditions of weather, it may be noted that during the week ending on Saturday last the gauge used by the government engineers at Ballard's reef, where the water is shallowest, was at the following marks: Aug. 16, 17 feet 6 inches with wind north-west, heavy; Aug. 17, 18 feet, north-west moderate; Aug. 18, 18 feet 2 inches, south, strong; Aug. 19, 18 feet 1 inch, north-west, light; Aug. 20, 17 feet 11 inches, north-west, light; Aug. 21, 18 feet, south, moderate.

Rapid development of our torpedo boat fleet is probably the cause of the navy department again directing attention to the question of using oil fuel. The secretary of the navy has ordered Lieut. Nathan Sargent to proceed to the oil fields of Pennsylvania to pursue investigations along this line. It is said that plans for special machinery to be applied to one of the new torpedo boats at the Newport station will depend largely upon Lieut. Sargent's report regarding the kind of petroleum fuel that is at command.

C. P. Huntington, who is the leading spirit in the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., Newport News ship building plant and other big enterprises, is quoted as saying that he will build two 10,000-ton steamships, which, with the China and City of Peking, will enable the Pacific Mail to largely increase its business and give the quietus to threatened transpacific Japanese competition.

Forced draught, it is asserted, is very bad for boilers, but if it is, the locomotive seems to get along pretty well with it. No marine boiler was ever forced as locomotives are forced, or burned anything like the same amount of coal per square foot of grate surface.—The Engineer, New York.

All sorts of extreme statements are being made regarding the scarcity of wheat in European countries, one of them to the effect that the Russian government is meditating the promulgation of a decree prohibiting exportation, owing to the small crops in southern Russia.

George H. Bliss, whose death was announced from New York a few days ago, was an active member of the firm of John Bliss & Co., well-known manufacturers and dealers in nautical instruments. He was fifty-five years of age.

Four Thornycroft boilers will supply steam for engines of over 7,000 horse power in the torpedo boat to be built by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., Wilmington, Del., for the United States government.

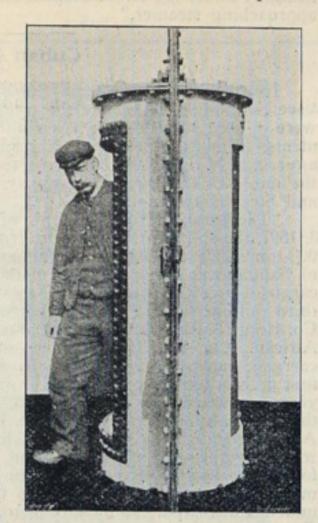
It is more than probable that Chief Naval Constructor Hichborn will again be reappointed to his present position after the regular term of service in such capacity, which expires next month.

Contrary to what might be expected, British statistics of shipping casualties show that collisions occur more frequently by day than by night.

#### Revolving Bulkhead Door.

A revolving double door for water-tight bulkheads in ships, invented by Wm. Kirkaldy of Glasgow, is attracting considerable attention in naval circles. It was fitted on board the recently-built channel steamer Duchess of Devonshire and is said to have the approval in England of the board of trade. The distinctive feature of this double door is that it is impossible

to leave it open at any time when passing through the bulkhead, one door having to be absolutely closed before the other opens. From the accompanying illustration it will be seen that the arrangement consists of a hollow cylindrical casing, which is bolted to the water-tight bulkhead, one-half of the circle being in one compartment, and the other half in the compartment adjoining. In the casing are two doorways, one at the fore part of the circle, and the other at the aft part. Within the casing, and close fitting, is a hollow cylinder, which easily revolves, having one doorway in its circumference of a size corresponding to each of the doorways in outer casing. This cylinder is suspended by a central bolt overhead, and freely revolves on ball bearings. The revolving action is accomplished, in the illustration printed herewith, by hand, slots on the outside for the insertion of the fingers, and handles on the inside, being provided for this purpose. The inventor, however, in other doors now being made, is substituting other means of revolving the door, with the view of obviating any possi-



ble risk of damage to the fingers of WATER-TIGHT BULK HEADS IN SHIPS. anyone hurriedly operating it. When it is intended to pass through the bulkhead, the aperture in the revolving cyclinder is brought round to correspond with the doorway in the casing, and the person steps inside, revolves the cyclinder, and in doing so, of course, brings it round so that its one doorway corresponds with the doorway on the opposite side of the casing, thus giving agress into the compartment. The doorway by which entrance was had to the casing is, of course, absolutely closed before the revolving cylinder and its opening comes in line with the opposite doorway allowing egress from the casing. As the casing is bored like ordinary engine cylinders, and the inside cylinder turned to fit it like a piston, it is evident that the door is always effectually closed. The Brandon Bridge Building Co., Motherwell, are the manufacturers.

#### Erastus Wiman's Canal Scheme.

Erastus Wiman, who is trying to enlist capital in the building of a large fleet of canal vessels that will be specially suited to the enlarged Erie canal, is very probably encourged by the improved condition of business throughout the country, as he is again submitting through the newspapers elaborate collections of figures suited to the advancement of his scheme. He reviews the whole subject in an interview given out recently.

"It is a fact not generally appreciated," he says, "that the Erie canal, now being enlarged at an expenditure of \$9,000,000, voted directly by the people of New York, will possess a carrying capacity for food products equal to that of the five trunk line railroads that parallel it, and, moreover, it will be competent to take care of and to handle every bushel of grain or every barrel of flour that the lake marine can deliver. Further, that while the railroads now carrying these products are exacting rates paying fixed charges on an aggregation of \$500,000,000, or equal to \$1,000,000 per mile for the distance traveled, the canal, being free, exacts no such tremendous tribute. Further, that the cost of maintenance, which to the railroads is next to that of interest, is for the canal borne by the state and in no sense can be made a charge on the products that are handled. Still further, that the cost of movement of freight by the railroads has never yet been less than 5 mills per ton per mile, while on the canal a profit is possible at a mill per ton per mile. Think of it! One ton ten miles or ten tons one mile for a cent! And yet, still further, all railroad freight passing through the harbor of New York, in or out, bears a lighterage charge of 3 cents per 100 pounds, or 60 cents a ton, equalling on a 30-ton grain car no less a charge than \$18, which either the producer or manufacturer pays, and which lighterage charges, in the harbor of New York, reach the enormous sum of \$10,000,000 annually. Canal freight bears no such charges, for, being already afloat when it enters the harbor, it can be delivered at a ship's side or to storage at any point without any cost for transfer."

Asked how it is that these advantages so striking had not before been made available and how it came that it was left for him to head the movement for this somewhat remarkable reform, Mr. Wiman replied: "In the first place, the reform now impending will come from the enlargement of the canal, all of which will be completed within a year from next May, and which, under the systematic management that I propose to inaugurate, will absolutely double the capacity of that great waterway. But the principal want hitherto has been organization, the employment of capital, the introduction of real business capacity and the lack of terminals specially dedicated to canal traffic. Heretofore individual effort by 1,500 canal boatmen, each with two or three mules, or, with a few exceptions, wretchedly poor steamboats, has been the intsrumentality endeavoring to compete with such great organizations as the New York Central, the West Shore, the Delaware & Lackawanna and Erie and Lehigh Valley railroads. With no terminals of their own, with no organization, no responsibility, no corporate guarantee for a bill of lading at the point of production, this great waterway, costing \$100,000,000 and sustained by the state of New York at a cost of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year, has utterly failed in its purpose of making possible of \$1,000,000 a year. sible the expansion of the cheap water rates prevalent on the lakes, and

helping the farmer and miller in the interior to place their product in the markets of the world to successfully compete with other countries producing their products at the seaboard; thus they have deprived the American producer of a profit legitimately his own.

"To remedy this disorganized condition on the canal is the purpose of a movement now in progress to consolidate existing interests, and, by the expenditure of capital for providing a modern equipment for the enlarged canal, furnishing also new and adequate terminals, also providing a corporate guarantee for a through bill of lading, which will be undisputed for any amount anywhere, by anyone on this continent. This takes the shape of the formation of a company known as the Consolidated Canal & Lake Co., in which are a number of the western millers and jobbers and Buffalo elevating and canal men, with myself and others in New York, directors. Good progress has been made in this direction, first, in securing contracts for freight tonnage at good rates extending over three years; second, in obtaining terminals as a free gift from the city of New York, in that harbor, and from the state authorities, and also in Buffalo. In anticipation of the enlargement of the canal, a modern equipment will now be created, and the business will be inaugurated next May with an initial fleet to be increased in the two following years to an extent that will enable the canal to carry the whole 10,000,000 barrels of flour, instead of less than 1,000. "The immediate necessity for making available this independent artery from the center of the continent to the sea by an all water route is found in the remarkable concentration of railroad ownership in a few hands. The acquirement of the Lehigh Valley road by Mr. Pierpont Morgan places in the control of that gentleman the five trunk lines that parallel the canal, for long ago he dominated the New York Central as well as the Erie, which he recently reorganized. Having control also of the Reading and the Lackawanna, he dominates the anthracite situation, while the certainty that the Baltimore & Ohio will fall into his hands for reorganization makes it possible for him to get a New York entrance for his southern system, so that he will more or less control the outlets for grain and flour at Newport News, Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Owning as he does, also, the control of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the New England systems, and having also complete control of the Northern Pacific system, connecting the same by steamers from Duluth to Buffalo, where his five New York roads terminate, he dominates the entire railway area and possesses a power greater than that given almost to any other mortal, judging by the area covered, the variety of products affected and the interests involved."

#### The United States the Rising Nation.

The United States is now entering upon the commercial career long ago seen to be its manifest destiny. Hitherto it has been in a formative or preparatory state. Its citizens have been engaged in the costly and arduous work of developing its natural resources, establishing intercommunication, diversifying industries and endeavoring to supply their own requirements as far as possible. They have always raised surplus crops, and have helped to feed the world. They are now in a position to turn out more manufactured articles than they need, and are assisting to supply the wants of the rest of the world in that regard. Unless remarkable and calamitous changes take place the United States will from this time be a large seller of all kinds of commodities, raw and manufactured, and a comparatively small buyer. This combination will surely make it the richest country in the world and the leader among nations in other respects. No other nation on earth is so well situated to become the future workshop of the world. Nowhere else is food so abundant and cheap, with manufactures so well established and the finest raw materials so plentiful and accessible. In its ability to sustain itself the United States is unique among nations. Its independence, politically and commercially, may well excite the envy of other powers. They can not, however, stay its progress. The ghost of a demoralized currency having been effectually laid, the danger of internal troubles is past. In our case more is always to be feared from dissensions among our own people than from attacks by other countries .-Iron Age.

#### Stocks of Grain at Lake Ports.

The following table, prepared from reports of the Chicago board of trade, shows the stocks of wheat and corn in store in regular elevators at the principal points of accumulation on the lakes, August 21, 1897:

	Wheat, bushels.	Corn, bushels.
Chicago	1,986,000	11,720,000
Duluth		135,000
Milwaukee		121,000
Detroit	4	28,000
Toledo		454,000
Buffalo		416,000
	3,914,000	12,874,000

As compared with a week ago, the above figures show, at the several points named, a decrease of 924,000 bushels of wheat and an increase of 1,633,000 bushels of corn.

Steam vessels have been practically unknown in the coast fisheries of this country, but John H. Dialogue & Son of Camden, N. J., have just launched one, in which they are said to have introduced the best features of English steam trawls. The vessel is 125 feet over all, 25 feet beam and 13 feet hold. She has a triple expansion engine of 350 horse power, and is expected to attain a speed of 13 knots.

Henry E. Rottmer of Washington, who was one of the delegates to the International Congress of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in London, visited several ship yards on the continent before returning to this country. He speaks very highly of the hospitable manner in which he was received in Germany, mentioning especially the kindnesses of Mr. Ernest Ritter of Winterhude, Hamburg.

Army and navy charts of the lakes are kept in stock by the Marine Review, Perry-Payne building, Cleveland.

#### Around the Lakes.

James A. Dumont, inspector general of steam vessels, spent a day with the local board at Cleveland this week while on a trip of inspection.

An expenditure of about \$12,000 will be required to repair fire damage recently sustained by the steamer Roby. Repairs are being made in Cleveland.

Preparations are being made at the works of the American Steel Barge Co., West Superior, for the purchase of pneumatic hooks and other laborsaving machinery.

The steamer J. M. Weston is now owned by the Sandusky Fish & Steamboat Co. She was put up for sale at Kenosha, a few days ago, and bid in by the Sandusky firm at \$875.

A 10-inch steam whistle, sounding blasts of five seconds duration, separated by silent intervals of twenty-five seconds, will be established at Menominee light-station, Green bay, about Sept. 4.

Mr. John Stuart Thomson, secretary to Mr. M. F. Plant of the Plant system of New York, has been spending a part of his vacation with Wm. H. Mack of Cleveland and other friends on the lakes.

It is again announced from Duluth that a treaty of peace has been entered into by the three harbor tug lines at Duluth, and rates will be maintained, with Capt. J. T. Rose as arbitrator in all cases of difference.

Names of the United States marshal and district attorney for the northern district of New York, published in the last issue of the Review, were incorrect. The marshal is Fletcher C. Peck of Rochester, and Emory P. Close of Buffalo is district attorney.

Material for the new steel elevator at Port Arthur is to be forwarded by lake from Cleveland by the Warren Boiler Works. James L. Record of Minneapolis has secured the contract for the addition to the new Export elevator, Buffalo. The addition will give the Export an increase of 750,000 bushels in capacity.

Engineer James Reilly, who obtained his papers in Cleveland and was on the Maritana, or some other Minnesota boat, will learn of something to his advantage by addressing C. B. Luttle, M. E. B. A., No. 63, 112 So. Pearl street, Albany, N. Y. His relatives are settling an estate and his agreement is necessary.

A new tariff for the government dry dock at Kingston is as follows: Vessels up to 200 tons, \$20 per day; over 200 and up to 500 tons, 10 cents per ton for the first day and \$20 for each following day; over 500 tons, 10 cents for the first day and 3½ cents per ton for every day after. This is a reduction of about 50 per cent.

Commander Jewell, U. S. N., light-house inspector at Buffalo, gives notice that two 25-foot spar buoys painted red, and numbered respectively 2½ and 4½, have been placed to mark the west bank of the channel opposite Strawberry island, Niagara river, and nearly opposite black spar buoys Nos. 3 and 7, on the east bank of the channel. Buoy No. 2½ is in

16 feet of water, and buoy No. 41/2 is in 15 feet of water.

An effort is being made to secure the establishment of a gas buoy as soon as possible on Gull island reef, Lake Erie. A light on this reef would be of special value to the passenger steamers that are making regular day and night trips between Cleveland and Toledo, and it would be of great assistance also to the large number of freight vessels that go from such places as Lorain, Cleveland, Fairport, Ashtabula and other ports on Lake Erie to Toledo to load coal. With a light on Gull island reef there would be little danger in making the narrow passage between Middle and Gull islands and proceeding thence past Ballast island and on between Middle Bass and South Bass islands. The passenger steamers are now compelled to follow this route without the assistance of this proposed light, but many of the freight vessels instead of taking the so-called middle passage go far out of their way to the north passage in going to Toledo by night.

Messrs. Danger and Van Liew, United States steamboat inspectors at Port Huron, find the Ira H. Owen at fault for the collision with the Susquehanna in a fog off False Presque isle, Lake Huron, July 20, and have suspended for ninety days the license of Mate Sidney O. Marsh of the Owen, who was on watch at the time. This is the substance of their finding: "We find the fact to be that just immediately prior to the collision the bow of the Owen was in clear sight of such members of the Susquehanna's crew as were forward, and we think their evidence warrants the conclusion that the speed of the Owen was considerable at this time, all of them stating that she was 'carrying a bone' and breaking the water in front of her. We therefore find the Owen at fault in not navigating with more caution, and in not blowing an alarm signal immediately

July 10, 1897.—Sealed proposals for building two breakwater piers, each some 2700 feet long, at Lake Superior entrance to Portage Lake Ship Canals, Mich., will be received here until noon, Sept. 10, 1897, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application. CLINTON B. SEARS, Major Engrs. Sept. 3.

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#### Cuban Iron Ore.

Iron ore shipments from Cuba to the United States do not seem to have reached anything like the total that was anticipated when the mines were opened some twelve years ago. Up to the close of 1896 the shipments, from the opening of the mines in August, 1884, had reached an aggregate of only 3,034,504 gross tons, the great bulk of which was from the mines of the Juragua company. The Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association says:

"The Juragua Iron Co., Ltd., of Philadelphia, advises us that on Aug. 3, 1897, the shipments of iron ore from its mines in Cuba passed the 3,000,-000-ton mark, the steamship William Anning having left the Cuban port of Santiago at seven o'clock on the morning of the date named with a cargo of ore which carried the total shipments by the company past the third million. The first shipment of iron ore made by the Juragua Iron Co. from its Cuban mines left Santiago on Aug. 7, 1884, in the steamship African. On Aug. 19, 1890, over six years later, the steamship Earnwell. carrying cargo No. 404, sailed from Santiago, her cargo completing the first million tons of ore shipped from the company's mines. Almost three years afterwards, on July 25, 1893, the second million mark was passed. the shipment being cargo No. 765, forwarded in the steamship Hopetoun. As above stated, the steamship William Anning, carrying cargo No. 1.083. which completed the third million, left Santiago on Aug. 3, 1897, over four years having elapsed from the time the company passed the second million ton mark to the time the third million mark was reached. We understand that the shipments of iron ore by the Spanish-American Iron Co., whose mines are near those of the Juragua Iron Co., have probably been larger in the last few months than at any previous time in its history. The Sigua Iron Co., which also owns iron ore mines in the vicinity of the Juragua and Spanish-American properties, has not mined any iron ore since 1893."

The Magnolia Metal Co. of New York seems to be unfortunate in being called upon, on two or three occasions of late, to go into court to defend its patents and matters pertaining to the manufacture of its goods. New York papers of recent date contain accounts of another action at law begun by the Magnolia company on account of difficulties encountered at its factory in Stirling, N. J. Mr. E. C. Miller, vice-president of the company, has caused the arrest at Stirling of H. G. Torrey, J. Gray Torrey and others on the charge of breaking into the factory at 2 o'clock in the morning of Aug. 6, maliciously destroying property and carrying away tools and other property. The parties arrested were connected with the management of the factory, but the relations of the company with them had been severed and it is claimed that their object was to injure the business of the concern. Mr. H. G. Torrey is United States assayer for the district of New York, and the arrest was the cause of lengthy articles in the New York papers.

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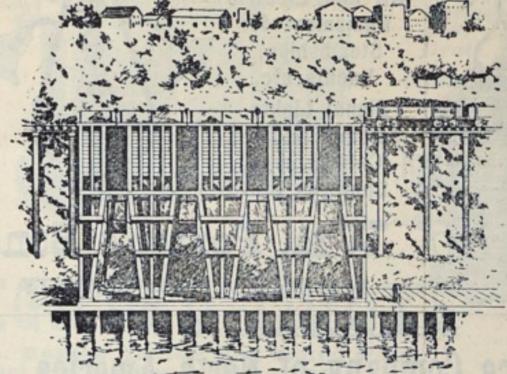
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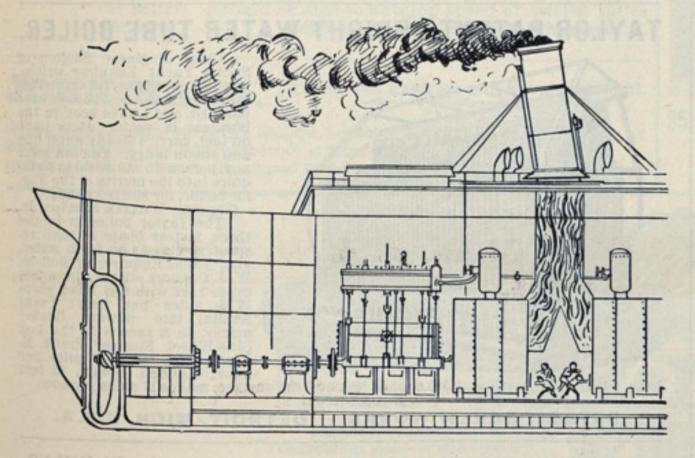
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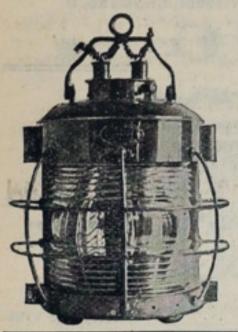
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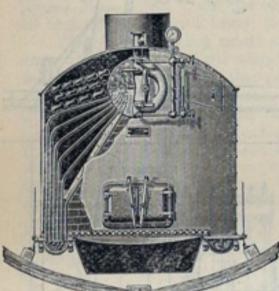
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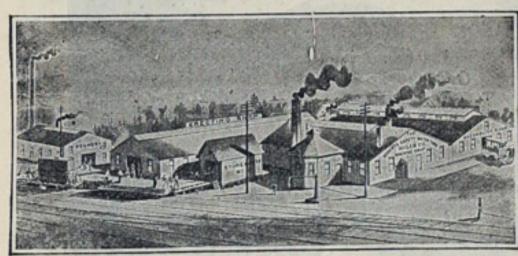
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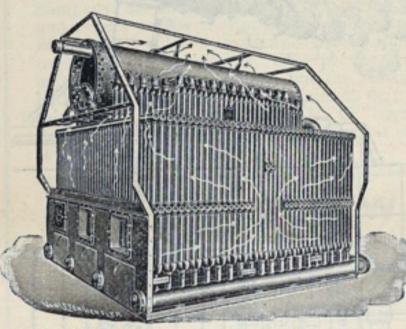
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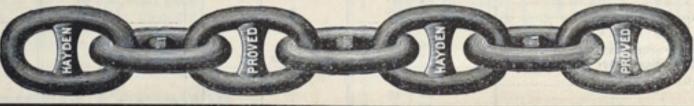
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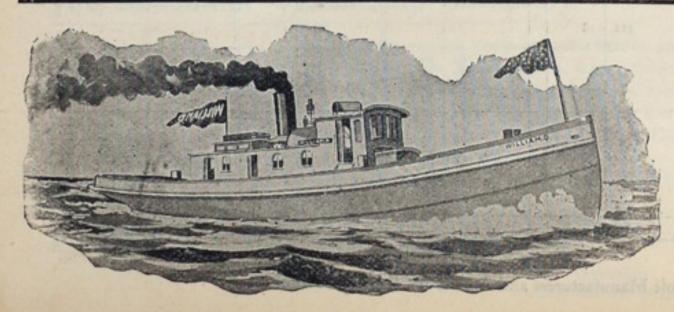
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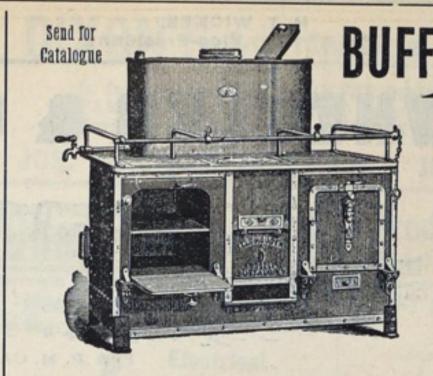
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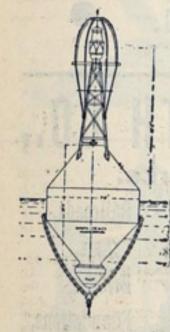


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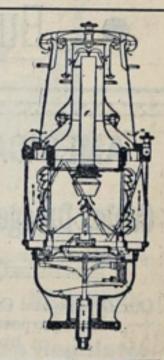
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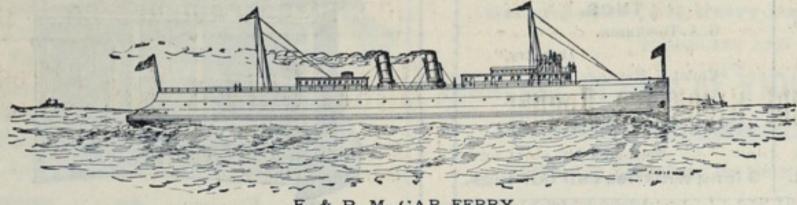
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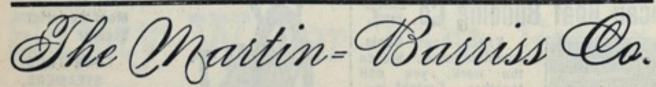
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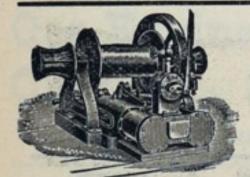
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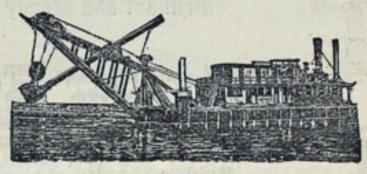
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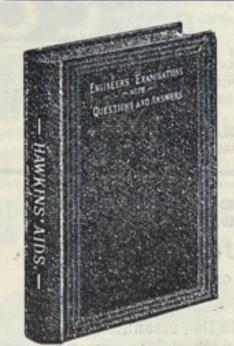
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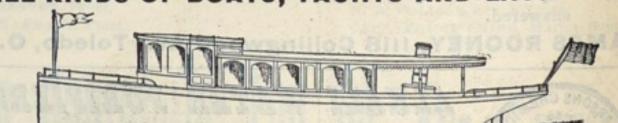
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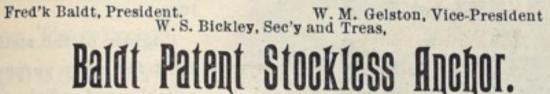
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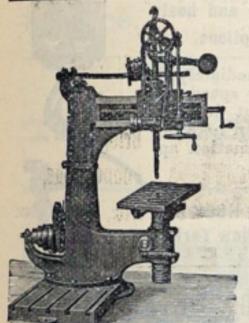


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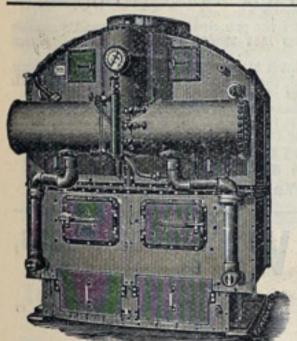
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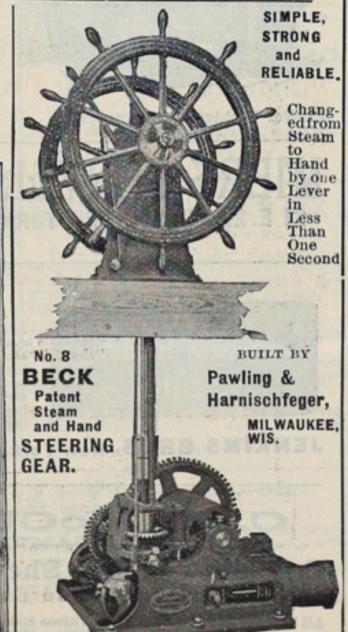
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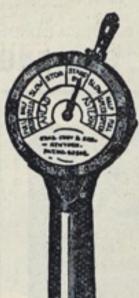
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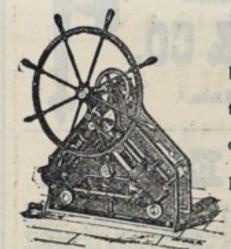
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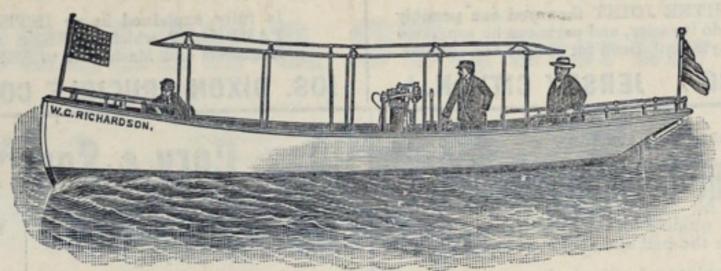


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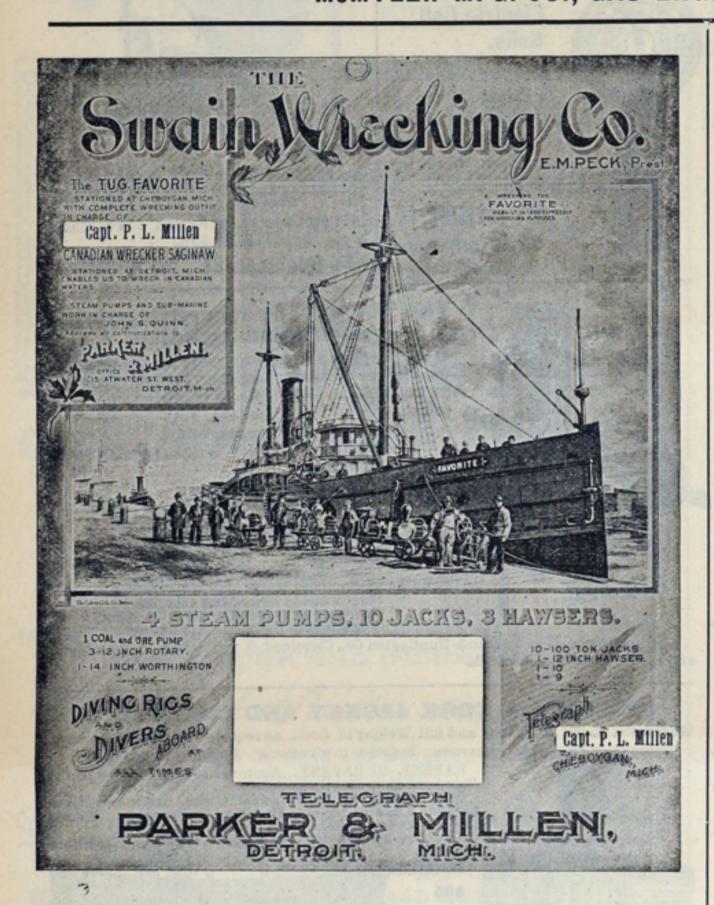


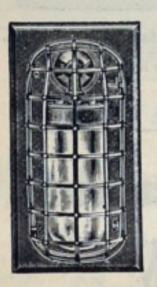
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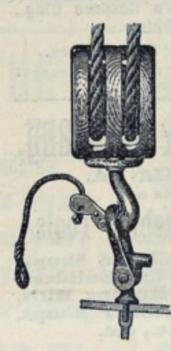
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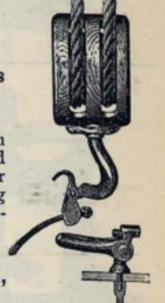


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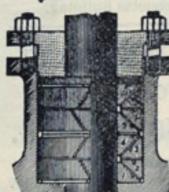
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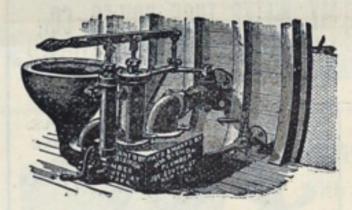
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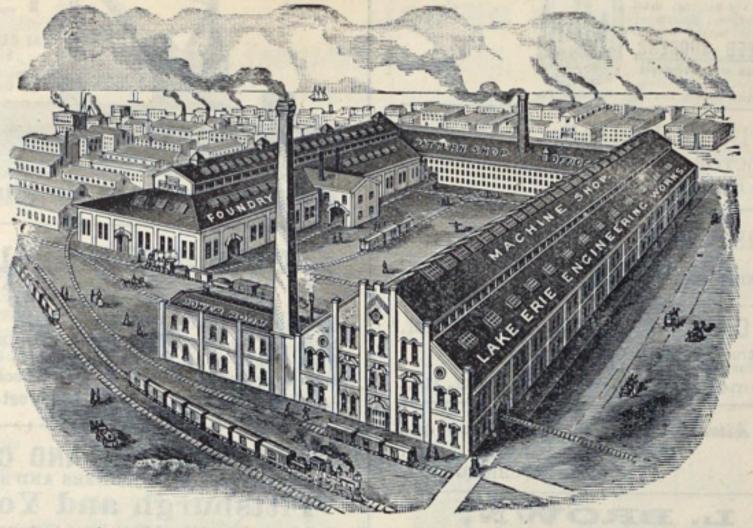
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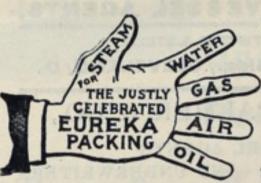
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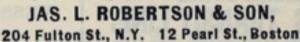
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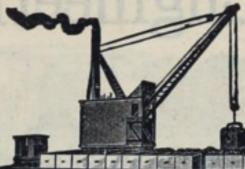
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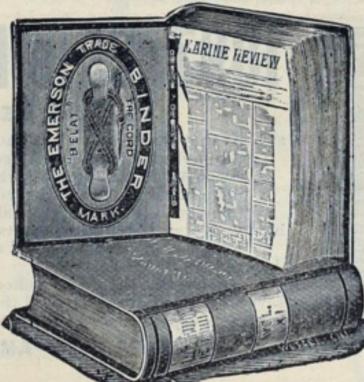
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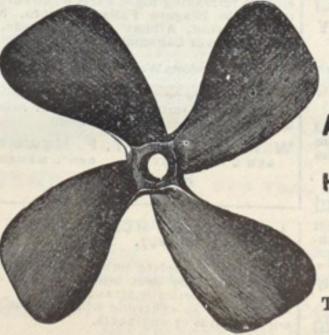
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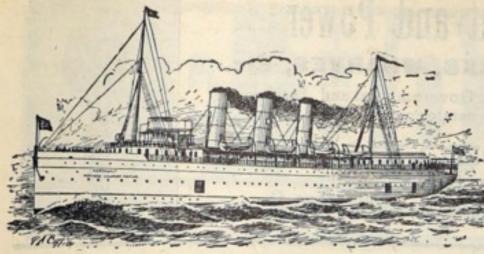


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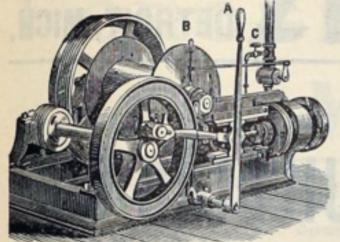
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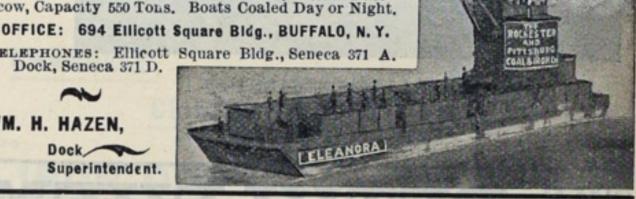
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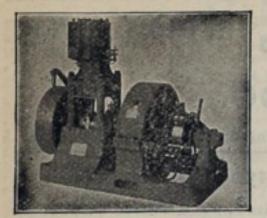
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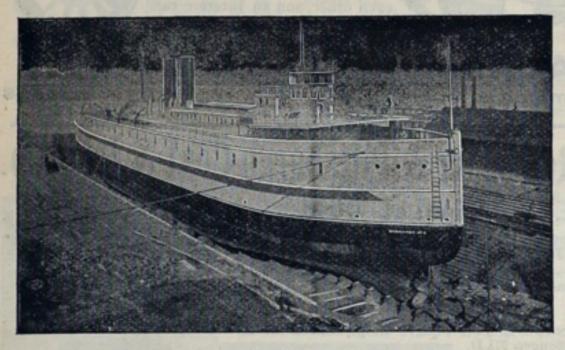
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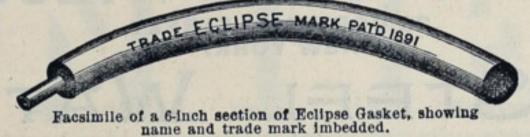
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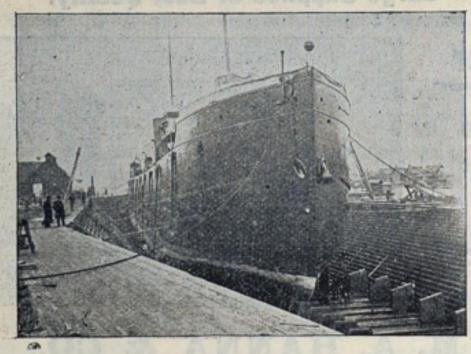
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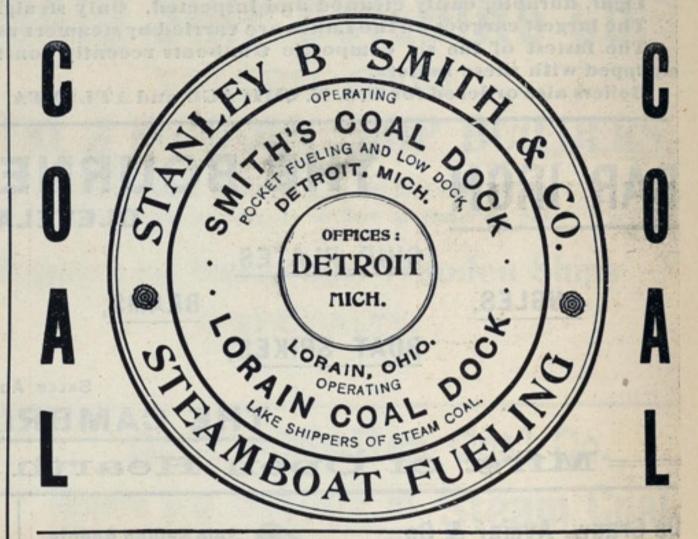
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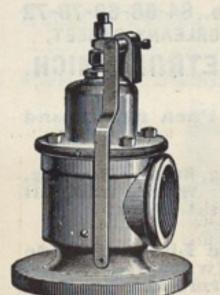
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